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SUBJECT: AMATEUR RADIO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH ICELAND

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF OFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF CURRENT ICELANDIC REGULATIONS ON AMATEUR RADIO. ON BASIS OF RECORDS HELD BY EMBASSY, WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER NEW REGULATIONS, DATED MAY 6, 1977, ELIMINATE EARLIER U.S. OBJECTIONS. OUR FILES INDICATE THAT OBJECTION WAS BASED ON NEED FOR FOREIGNERS TO SHOW INTENT TO RESIDE IN ICELAND FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS. NEITHER CURRENT REGULATIONS NOR EARLIER VERSION DATED DEC. 21, 1976 CONTAIN RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, BOTH THESE VERSIONS REQUIRED FOREIGNERS TO APPLY FOR LICENCE THREE MONTHS BEFORE BEGINNING OPERATIONS.

2. PERTINENT SECTION OF NEW REGULATIONS READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ARTICLE 13 IN THE CASE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS THE PTA MAY, FOR SHORT OR LONG PERIODS, GRANT EXEMPTIONS FROM THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS PROVIDED THERE IS A MUTUAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF ICELANDIC CITIZENS IN THE COUNTRY IN
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QUESTION.
I. SUCH EXEMPTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
A) THE APPLICATION SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SOCIETY OF ICELANDIC RADIO AMATEURS (IRA) WHICH THEN FORWARDS IT, TOGETHER WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, TO THE PTA NOT

LATER THAN 3 MONTHS BEFORE THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS.

B) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE A VALID RADIOAMATEUR LICENCE FROM HIS HOME COUNTRY CORRESPONDING TO A CLASS A, B, C, OR T LICENCE, AND THE LICENCE, OR A DISTINCT COPY OF THE SAME, SHALL ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO USE IN THIS COUNTRY.

C) THE APPLICANT'S OPERATING LICENCE IS LIMITED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS, BUT SHALL NEVERTHELESS NOT EXCEED THE ALLOWANCE HE HAS IN HIS HOME COUNTRY ACCORDING TO THE LICENCE AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATIONS OF THAT COUNTRY.

D) THE LICENCE HOLDER SHALL USE THE CALL SIGN ALLOCATED TO HIM IN HIS HOME COUNTRY, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE LETTERS TF SEPARATED FROM THE CALL SIGN BY A SLANT STROKE E.G. WA3KA/TF, ETC.

E) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE STATED IN THE FOREGOING (ARTICLE 13) THE LICENCE HOLDER IS BOUND BY ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS AND MUST OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

II. IF A FOREIGN NATIONAL HAS HAD A FIXED RESIDENCE IN ICELAND FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR, HE MAY APPLY TO SIT AN EXAMINATION FOR RADIOAMATEURS IN ICELAND, AND THEN SUBMITS TO THIS REGULATION LIKE A UNCLASSIFIED

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CITIZEN OF ICELAND. SUCH A LICENCE IS ONLY VALID IN ICELAND UNQUOTE.

3. OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF REGULATIONS BEING POUCHED EB/TD.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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